

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on February 05, 2008 has been entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

Receipt is acknowledged of Information Disclosure Statements (I.D.S.), filed March 04, 2008 and February 05, 2008, which I.D.S. have been placed of record in the file. The initialed, signed, and dated copies of the form PTO-1449 are attached to this Office action.

Reasons for Allowance

After reviewing the references in the I.D.S. filed March 04, 2008 and February 05, 2008, claim 1, as amended in the Examiner's amendment mailed November 15, 2007, is still allowable over these references.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1 is allowed because the art of record, considered alone or in combination, neither anticipates nor renders obvious a compacting press ...comprising: a plurality of bearing blocks positioned within said roller housing for supporting said rollers, *said*

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bearing blocks of one of said rollers are held by detachable chocks, .. all of the electric motors of the drives of each of said rollers are interconnected to each other by an electric shaft, ...the roller housing comprises two separate parts, a bottom part of the two separate parts having one of said rollers and two of the bearing blocks connected thereto and a top part of the two separate parts having the loose roller and the other two of the bearing blocks connected thereto, one side of said top part is held by a swivel bearing to the bottom part and the other side of said top part is lockable to the bottom part by a locking element, in combination with the rest of the claimed limitations.

SU955478, RU 2111805, DE 10018271A1, and DE 3731934 A1 disclose various roll pressing machines, but these references, considered alone or in combination, neither anticipates nor renders obvious a compacting press as claimed in claim 1. Therefore, it is concluded by the Examiner that claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JIMMY T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-4520. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30am-5:00pm with alternating Friday 7:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on (571) 272- 4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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